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Farewell Year 12



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Year 12 Graduation Day



Farewell Year 12! Another beautiful group of young people have finished their high school education at Woonona High and at last Thursday's Graduation Ceremony our school hall was packed to the rafters with the families, friends, teachers and peers of our Year 12, 2017 cohort as we celebrated and acknowledged their time here. It was an emotional celebration full of laughter and happiness, (as well as a few tears), as we bid them farewell and wished them all the best in the future and for their upcoming HSC exams.

Ms Wall addressed the assembly and Mr Hoole and Ms Packer fondly farewelled their year group. There was an hilarious recap of this cohort's time at Woonona High School including excursions, classes and of course, the love lives of this group. Bronte Petrolo, Aidan Hatton and our Year 12 Music group captivated the audience with some fantastic music and dance entertainment.

We hope that these students leave us with many fond memories of Woonona High School and that their time here has helped them become proud citizens of the future.



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Presentation of Major Awards

At the Graduation Ceremony major academic and achievement awards were presented to Year 12 students.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards were presented to Jay Archer, Nathan Boyle, Bronte Petrolo and Lucy Rouse.

Excellent Academic Achievement Awards were presented to Phoebe Basham, Nicola Miranda and Rachel Pollock.

High Academic Achievement Awards were presented to Breanna Geloven and Benjamin Stewart.

Commendable Academic Achievement Awards were presented to Nicholas Austin, Holly Forrest and Shania Latu.

First Place in Subject Awards were presented to Connor Elliott, Tahnee Haberley, Dimitri Harpur, Aidan Hatton, Chloe Love and Donevan Moss.

The Most Conscientious Student Award was presented to Kaitlyn Smith.

Conor Johnson was presented with the Le-a Lyon Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Performing Arts.

Principal's Awards for the School Merit System went to Jay Archer, Phoebe Basham, Nathan Boyle, Conor Johnson, Nicola Miranda, Bronte Petrolo, Rachel Pollock, Lucy Rouse and Shaylah White.

The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award was presented to Bronte Petrolo.

The Woonona High School Medal was presented to Jay Archer.

Congratulations to all these students.



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2018 SRC Executive Announced



On Thursday 21 September, at the Year 12 Graduation Day assembly our new SRC executive for 2018 was announced. School Captains are Keegan Loxton and Elly Moore, and Vice Captains for 2018 are Sam Inzinger and Charlie-Pearl Cram.

Congratulations, our school community looks forward to working with you all in 2018.

2017 SRC Executives

At the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony our 2017 SRC Executive were honoured for their efforts and commitment to Woonona High School during 2017.

Jay Archer and Bronte Petrolo were presented with the J.N. Webster Trophy for Service to the School as our Captains for 2017.

Rachel Pollock and Conor Johnson were presented with the Woonona Lions Club Trophy for Service to the School as Vice Captains for 2017.



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Celebration Day



Year 12 Celebration Day on Wednesday 21st September kicked off with our students being treated to a BBQ breakfast.

Together with staff, students enjoyed a relaxed and informal brekky of bacon and egg rolls and sausage sandwiches all prepared by Mr Hoole, Mrs Mete and Mrs Cannings.

After breakfast it was off to C1 Speed Indoor Karting and Lazer Tag for a day of relaxation and fun. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and from what we've heard they far out did Mr Hoole and Mr Mucci on the track!



Thank You

Last week was a week full of well deserved celebrations for our Year 12 group, but as with all celebrations there is lots and lots of organisation that takes part for them to run smoothly and successfully.

A big thank you to Mr Rayner, Mr Hoole and Miss Packer for their organisation of the Graduation Ceremony and the Year 12 Celebration Day. Thank you to Mr De Main and Mrs Mete and Mrs Cannings for the outstanding catering at the graduation ceremony and thank you to Miss Sharp for terrific musical performances and IT support. The office staff must also be thanked for the preparation of programs, certificates and their general support throughout the week.

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Computational Thinkers of the 21st Century

Python Programming and Chinatown Excursion

The Year 9 Information Software & Technology class attended a Python Programming training day in Sydney last week. The students undertook an advanced training session on creating fun and useful apps using Python code. Prior to this training day, the students undertook an Introduction to Python Coding and then competed in the NCSS UNSW Python Challenge. The Challenge is a programming competition for secondary school students. It has been running from Australia for the last 12 years. Our school was the only Illawarra high school to compete in this competition. This culminated in a very successful 8-week unit of work on Python programming. Congratulations to all the students that competed in the challenge. Well done computational thinkers of the 21st century.

Brylie Berry	Merit
Jettson Clague	Merit
Joshua Crimston	Merit
Dane Deece	Merit
Addison Muslu	Merit
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Caleb Howarth	Merit
Jordan Starling	Merit
Luke Bogovic	Credit
Jake Greentree	High Distinction
Thomas Holiday	Perfect Score
James McLachlan	Perfect Score
Harrison Dabin	Perfect Score
Dane Stephens	Perfect Score
Angus Waddell	Perfect Score
Arun Wanstall	Perfect Score
Brandon Burger	Perfect Score
Aiden Checklin	Perfect Score



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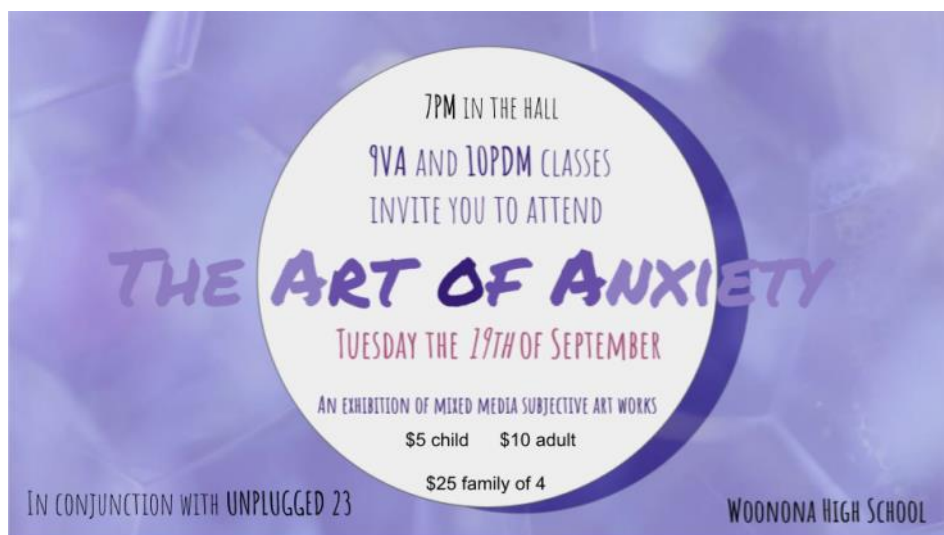
Aerials for Sport

Aerial circus apparatus training has begun for Summer Sport! In this program, students can learn the basics of aerial silks (tissu) or aerial hoop (lyra). See Miss K Sharp for the details.



Unplugged 23 and The Art of Anxiety

On Tuesday 19th September we held our 23rd Unplugged Concert, and several audience members commented that it was the biggest and best yet – with 30 acts performing in total, featuring students from Year 6 to 12, along with a powerful exhibition of student artworks. Usually featuring mostly live acoustic music, this Unplugged was a little different to most, as it featured many electric instruments, several dance performances plus the art exhibition, to showcase the Project Based Learning that has been happening across the CAPA Faculty this term. Thank you to everyone who attended the evening and congratulations to all involved.



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Project Based Learning in CAPA

This term several classes have been exploring Project Based Learning within the CAPA Faculty, including Year 9 Visual Arts, Year 10 Photography & Digital Media, Year 10 Music and Year 7 Dance. Students worked together to answer a driving question and the projects were then presented to 'authentic audiences' including staff, peers and an Unplugged concert. Year 9 Visual Arts and Year 10 Photography & Digital Media presented an exhibition of mixed media subjective artworks called 'The Art of Anxiety' and both Year 10 Music classes presented group performances from their project 'That's Entertainment!' to their peers and the authentic audience at Unplugged 23. The concert also featured several of the dance pieces that Year 7 CAPA students choreographed in groups as part of their project – details below.

Year 7 Dance Perform!

In week 10, all Year 7 CAPA Enrichment students performed the dance pieces that they created for their CYBERBULLYING: SPEAK OUT Project Based Learning assessment. These works were developed over 6 weeks and each group was required to combine their knowledge of Dance and PDHPE to explore the driving question - "How can we, as students of Woonona High School, speak out about the negative impact of social media misuse?"

Students worked in allocated groups to develop their pieces about cyberbullying; identifying the bully, bystanders and victim; and the potential impact that the negative impact of social media misuse may have on an individual and their relationships. Year 10 Dance students and Miss King were among the audience and were speechless throughout the performances. We are very proud of all of the dance works created by our students, some of which were also performed for an authentic audience at Unplugged 23 and at the final Year 7 Year Meeting. Congratulations to all students involved in both CAPA Enrichment Classes, these pieces truly were emotive and inspirational in every aspect.

Mrs Steele (CAPA/PDHPE)



Save the Date – CAPA Camp and Variety Night 2017

The proposed dates for our annual CAPA Camp are Monday 20th November- Wednesday 22nd November, and our end of year Variety Night Showcase is on Tuesday 12th December. These will be confirmed and details given out early next term. Please note that Year 10 students who wish to attend the camp must organise their work experience around this.

Miss R. Sharp (Music Teacher/Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator)

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Dangerous Creatures Expo

On Tuesday 19 September the Year 8 Marine Studies class held a Dangerous Creatures Expo.

The students have just finished a 4 week task on Dangerous Creatures with the driving question 'just how deadly are Australia's dangerous marine creatures', and there has been some interesting works produced.

There were two marine science postgraduate researchers from UOW visiting as guest judges. See more in the newsletter this week.

Mr Wilson (Science Teacher)



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RU OK?

To speak out about suicide or self-harm is one of the hardest things a person can do which is why it doesn't happen all that much. The 'RU OK?' foundation aims to break down this barrier for people by empowering and inspiring people to step forward and ask those around them the simple question of "Are you okay?" as even a question such as this that may seem to have no impact on another, allowing someone who is struggling with negative thoughts and suicide can be overwhelmingly impacting. They wish for everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life.

United States academic, Dr Thomas Joiner, theorised over the question "Why?" in regards to suicide and came to the conclusion of three determining factors; the person feels as though they are a burden to others, they can withstand a high degree of pain and they don't feel connected to others. By inspiring people to take the time to ask "Are you okay?" and listen, we can help people struggling with life feel connected long before they even think about suicide. It all comes down to regular, face-to-face, meaningful conversations about life. And asking "Are you ok?" is a great place to start.

This Thursday marks another year of 'RU OK?' Day and through dedicating just 10 minutes of your day to asking someone around you "Are you okay?", the beginning of an intricate support network for those struggling with serious issues is born.

By Phoebe Austin



Careers

Early Admission Interview Coaching

Dr Noelene Weatherby-Fell made her annual visit to Woonona High School to help our University of Wollongong 'Early Admission' interviewees prepare for their upcoming interviews. All of the students were reassured that at this stage they are on the path to admission and advised that they only needed to represent themselves well and sincerely.

All of the students were called upon to contribute to a thorough discussion of interview techniques and gently advised how to best approach interviews calling upon their own strengths and experiences. Both Dr Weatherby-Fell and I were impressed by the students' thoughtful responses.

Students that attended the interview coaching session are now well prepared for their interview and I wish good luck to all of them.

All Early admission applicants are reminded that they are expected to maintain their level of achievement throughout the HSC examinations.

TAFE NSW

TAFE NSW has not yet announced the date of their annual open day where students may seek counselling and enrol in courses.

Students interested in attending TAFE should be watch for advertisements and check their emails.

Students may also contact the Careers and Counselling Department at TAFE on 1300 766 123 and make an appointment to see a TAFE Careers Adviser.

Introducing Margaret Crump

I will be on long service leave for the duration of Term 4. The very experienced and wise Margaret Crump will be relieving me.

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Marine Studies



Above are photos of the fishing devices students have made in the Marine Studies electives class. Students had to build something to reduce bycatch fishing in Bellambi Harbour.

Bycatch fishing is when you catch unwanted fish, so the students are trying to make sure they only catch the species they are after. Students designed and made lures, an Indigenous Crab Trap and a Hula Hoop lobster Pot. They look very professional!

Mr Tim Wilson (Woonona High School, Science Faculty)

Raising Achievement

At Woonona High School we understand the pressure that the HSC puts on everyone in the family. To support you, we offer a variety of programs within the school as well as accessing expert advice for studying and providing regular communication with you. To this end we are holding an information evening on Wednesday 18th October at 7pm in the Staff Common Room.

Raising Achievement Agenda:

Introduction.

Mentoring - 10% on top program.

HSC requirements and receiving Assessment booklets.

Planning and getting the Balance right.

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Subject specific workshops.

Questions

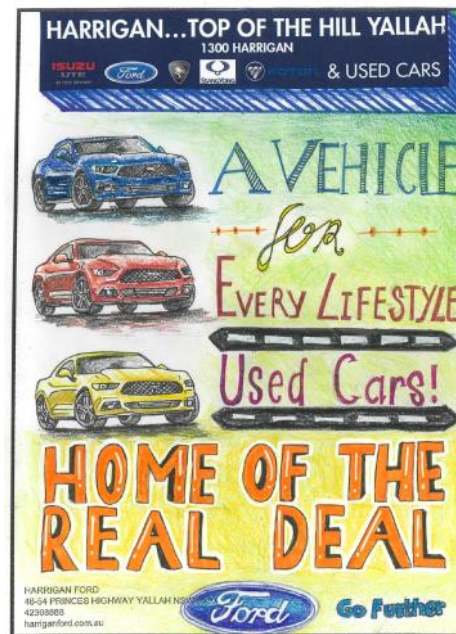
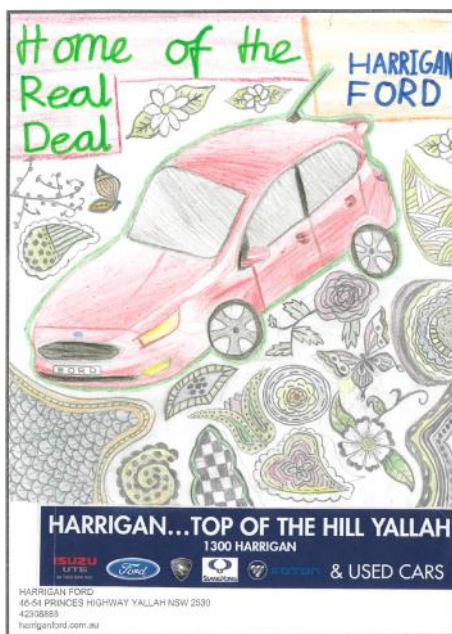
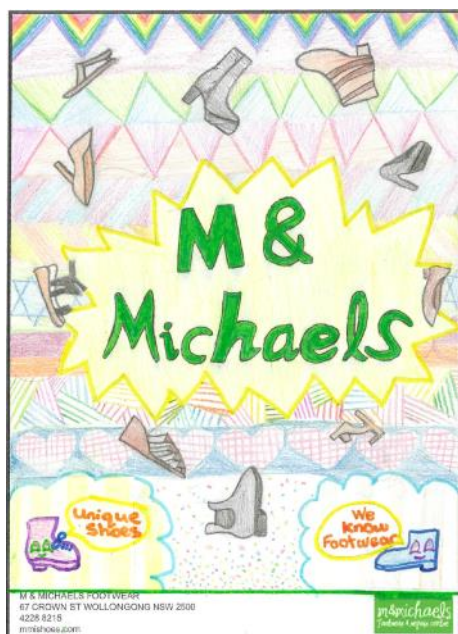
We are looking forward to seeing all students and parents on the night.

Date: Wednesday 18th October 2017

Time: 7pm

Place: Staff Common Room

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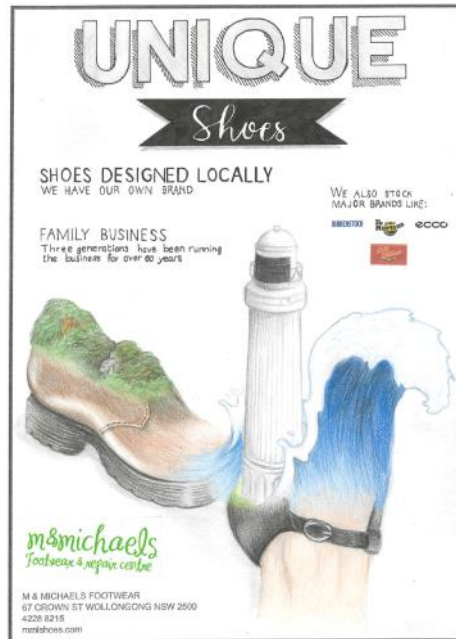
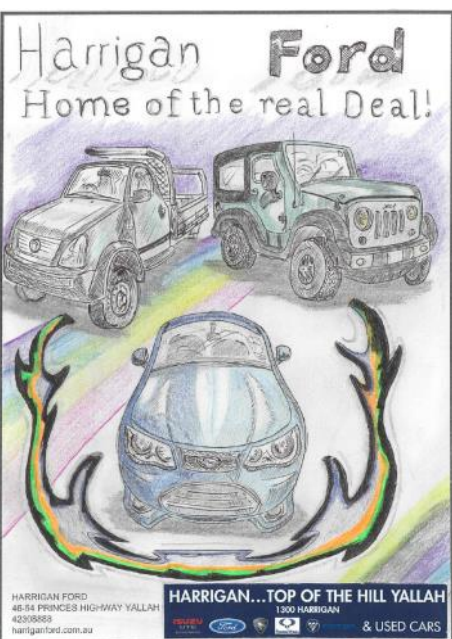
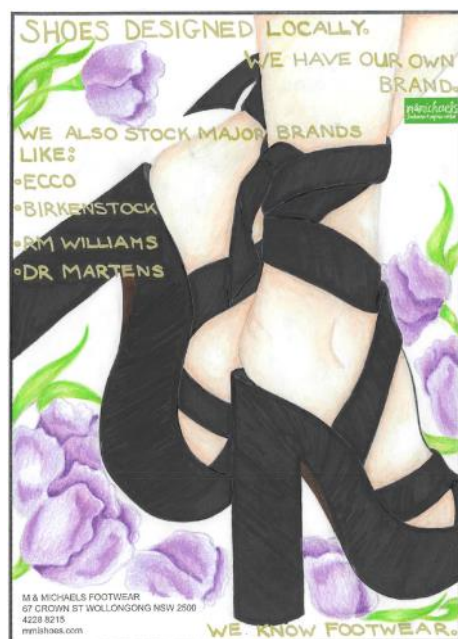
Illawarra Mercury Design an Ad

Here are a selection of some of the best entries for the Design An Ad competition run by the Illawarra Mercury.

The competition is open for all school age students across the Illawarra and entries from Woonona High School have won the competition twice and another year we entered we placed second. So it goes to show the amazing talent we have at our school!

First prize is \$700 and an interview in the Illawarra Mercury.

We have had over 60 students enter the competition and were tasked with selecting the top 20 to scan and send off to the Mercury. Here is a selection of some of the standouts.



Australian Youth Football

Congratulations to Year 11 student Kalani A'Bell who has been selected to travel to England with the Australian Youth Football Institute. This is an amazing achievement and we wish him well!



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Southern Stars

Congratulations to the following students who have been representing the Southern Stars Performing Dance Company throughout 2017, Elizabeth Apter, Chloe Jones and Layla Ryan. They were fortunate enough to perform this evening at The Seymour Centre, Ultimo at the State Dance Festival. A very high achievement for these young ladies as they performed alongside the best dancers from around the state. We hope you have enjoyed this experience and we are very proud of your representation of Dance in Public Education!



Thank You

Last week, our SRC members along with Ms Johnstone said a big thank you to our senior SRC executive as they prepare to finish their schooling here at WHS.

It was pizza all the way as they celebrated the many achievements and the hard work of these four fine students.

Thank you!



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Book Club

This week our guest speaker was Ms Reynolds from our English Department. She spoke about her recent visit to the Sydney Jewish Holocaust Museum in Darlinghurst, which inspired her to read a number of autobiographies by holocaust survivors from the museum.

I reviewed the new series by Pittacus Lore "Generation One". This series follows from the Lorien Legacy series and is set a year later. It has been over a year since the invasion of Earth was thwarted in Pittacus Lore's *United as One*. But in order to win, our alien allies known as the Garde unleashed their Loric energy that spread throughout the globe. Now human teenagers have begun to develop incredible powers of their own, known as Legacies and there are those ready to exploit them.

Aiden Checklin reviewed the number one best seller "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline. The story, set in a [dystopian](#) 2044, follows protagonist Wade Watts on his search for an [Easter egg](#) in a [virtual reality](#) game, the discovery of which will lead him to inherit a fortune in a world wrecked by an [energy crisis](#). A great read!

WOOLIES EARN and LEARN

This program has now finished. Could you please send in any remaining stickers so that we can finalise our entry.

We have had a great response and thank you for your participation.

Mrs Roddis (Teacher / Librarian)



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Canteen Roster

Monday	11 th September	Gabi James
Tuesday	12 th September	Kerrie Austin
Wednesday	13 th September	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	14 th September	HELP NEEDED
Friday	15 th September	Jessica Tinelt
Monday	18 th September	Karen Dubowic
Tuesday	19 th September	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	20 th September	Jo Meirs
Thursday	21 st September	Susie Eager
Friday	22 nd September	HELP NEEDED



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Mon 30 Oct	Year 5 Sample Lesson Day
Tue 31 Oct	Year 11 Engineering Studies Day UOW
Thur 9 Nov	Year 7 2018 Enrichment Class Day
Fri 10 Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly
Tue 14 Nov	Stage 4 Assembly
Wed 15 Nov—Fri 17 Nov	Lady Elliott Island Excursion
Thur 16 Nov	Year 12 Formal
Fri 17 Nov	Forensic Science Incursion
Mon 20 Nov—Fri 24 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience
Mon 20 Nov—Wed 22 Nov	CAPA Camp Nowra
Mon 20 Nov—Tue 21 Nov	Peer Support Training
Tue 21 Nov	P&C Meeting
Fri 24 Nov	Schools Spectacular
Fri Dec 1	Years 7—11 Gold Rewards Excursion
Mon Dec 4—Fri Dec 8	Student Clearance Week
Mon 4 Dec	Peer Support Stanwell Tops
Tues 5 Dec	Year 6 Orientation Day
Thur 7 Nov	Presentation Evening
Mon 11	Farewell / Christmas Farewell Assembly
Tue 12 Dec	Variety Night
Wed 13 Dec	Music Excursion
Fri 15 Dec	Last day for students 2017

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Library assistant Judy Brookes spoke at morning tea last week about her husband (Andrew Brooks) riding his push bike this October to fight kids cancer.

His goal is to ride 2000KM and raise \$2500 to change little lives and this means he needs to ride 30km a day.

If you would like to sponsor him the link is <https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Donate/Rider/148061>.

He thanks you in advance.



Woonona Surf Life Saving Club - Registration

15th Oct from 8.00am (prior to first Nippers at 9.00am)

Any enquiries contact Vanessa 0425246172.

New Nippers will need a Birth Certificate/Passport and a parent to sign up with them. Parents need to bring ID (such as driver's licence)

Our Nippers program is a great opportunity for children aged 5-14 to learn vital surf skills, and our Rookies program for teens aged 14-17 is full of fun, interesting and challenging activities where our young adults learn to become lifesavers.

Hope to see lots of new and returning faces on the beach!

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