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HIGH SCHOOL**

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Wollumbin High School would like to thank John Bortoli and Laurie Wiseman of the Riverview Hotel for their continued support of Wollumbin High through the loan of their mini-bus each week.

As you are aware, the large buses are very expensive and incur a large cost on any students leaving the school for sporting activities or excursions. The support of the hotel has, over the last two years, enabled small groups to compete in sporting competitions or to complete mandatory course requirements at minimal cost.

Wollumbin High would like to publicly recognise their support of the school and offer our appreciation to John and Laurie.



OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who participated in Open House afternoon. The visitors to our school appreciated the tours and opportunity to speak with staff and P&C representatives.

ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL

A reminder that ANZAC Day falls during the holidays. Students should be in correct uniform and meet at the Post Office at 10am for the march. Wollumbin High School always has a strong contingent for this very important event. Please keep our tradition of respect going by participating in the march.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Fiona Stanley progressed to the next round of the competition which was hosted at Lennox Head. Whilst not the winner at this round, we are told that Fiona was an outstanding ambassador for Wollumbin High School and Public Education. Congratulations Fiona.



MADDD UPDATE

The machine that is Wollumbin's MADDD (Music, Art, Drama, Dance and Design) Showcase is starting up once again. The call for auditions has been made and students have until the end of week 9 to submit their audition form. Auditions will be held on 2nd May (week 2) of term 2.

The backstage crew expressions of interest have also gone out and we will be finalising the backstage crew in week 8. The next step after that is organising all their black t-shirts and training them up in the skills they will need to keep the show rolling smoothly.

We hope to see you at MADDD on July 28th, when we once again showcase the very talented students here at Wollumbin High School.

P & C Meeting: Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Library

CONGRATULATIONS! DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

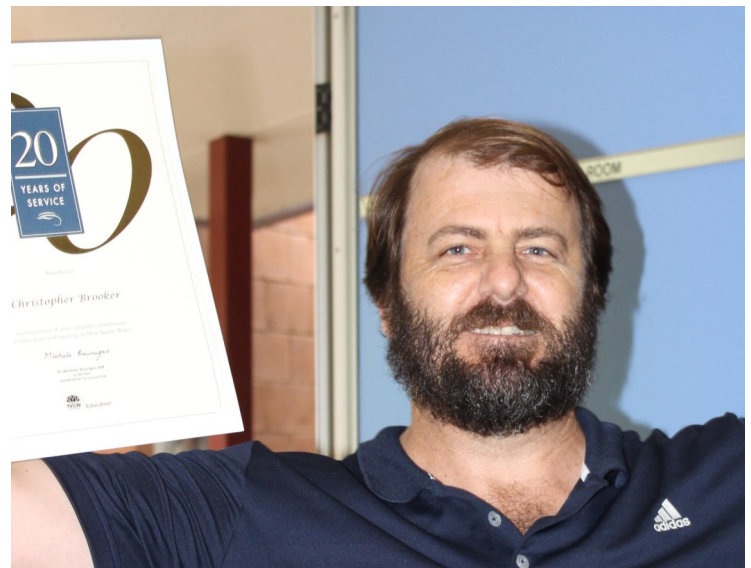
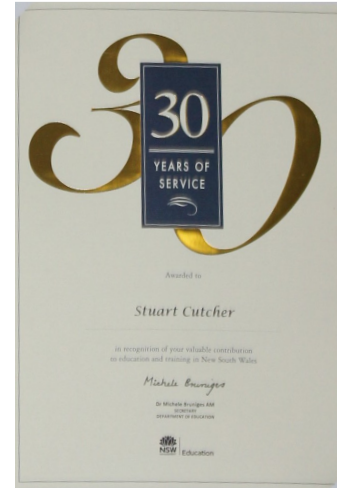
Year 7 Kivah-Nova Franze, Virginia Cotmore, Luke Bennett, Tyler Barnes, Summer Stone

Year 10 May Guinea



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr Cutcher and Mr Brooker for receiving acknowledgement for their service to students



Homework Help

Do you need some help with your assessment tasks, class work or homework? Or do you want to start studying but you aren't sure where to start?

Come along to homework help!

When: Every THURSDAY after school until 4pm.

Where: COMPUTER ROOM 2.

Who: Miss Underwood (Science and Maths) and Mrs Hirst (English).

Why: Homework help is a volunteer program run by teachers, designed to assist students in completing their homework, extra class work and assessment tasks. It can help students establish a regular study routine, provide extra assistance with content or activities they are finding difficult and build and support independent learners.

Hope to see you there!

PARENT TEACHER

During week 1, term 2, students in Year 7, 11 and 12 will be issued with parent teacher booking sheets for parent teacher evening to be held on 17th May. Please keep an eye out for the booking sheets. The role of students is to make appointments with their teachers on your behalf. Students are welcome to accompany their parents to the interviews. Please feel free to contact the Administration office if you need a copy of the invitation or assistance in making appointments. Interviews are by appointment and there is no guarantee of meeting with a teacher without an appointment.

Year 8, 9 & 10 interviews will be conducted on the 21st June.

DRAMA AT WHS

We welcome this year 45 Year 8 Drama students who have launched into Drama with a bang. This term Year 8 Drama is looking at the Elements of Drama and Improvisation as a way to tell stories. There is a large focus on self confidence and communication skills, which will come in handy as the students begin preparing for their MADD pieces in term 2.

Stage 5 Drama are learning the art of physical theatre, studying practitioners such as Suzuki, Laban, Meyerhold and the Asian styles of Noh and Kabuki. Past student Tash Currant, who recently completed a workshop with Brisbane's Zen Zen Zo physical theatre company, will be presenting a workshop to Stage 5 in the coming weeks.

PI DAY

The Mathematics faculty and students celebrated another pi day on the 3rd month and 14th day of 2016 (3.14). A special mathematical event where the symbol π becomes the star for a day.

Activities students participated in included the donut eating contest (speed challenge), pin the radius on the circle, pi fact scavenger hunt, pi chain creative task and a pi memory challenge.

The speed donut eating competition was keenly contested with 2015 champion Tom Guinea (Yr 11) being narrowly defeated by his sister May Guinea (Yr 10), the 2016 champion.

Jacob Baartz (Yr 10) was the pi reciting champion for the 3rd straight year. He broke his 2015 school record of 301 digits with his stunning effort of 401 digits. Congratulations also to Jacob Marriot (Yr 10) 2nd with 60 digits and Chloe Lopatecki (Yr 8) 3rd reciting 52 digits.



UP COMING DRAMA & ENGLISH EXCURSIONS

Three excursions are currently being planned. On April 7th, Drama and English students will be attending the Bell Shakespeare production of "Such Sweet Sorrow" based on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Notes will be out soon for elective Music and Drama students about an upcoming excursion to QPAC in Brisbane to watch the musical "Little Shop of Horrors." This excursion will take place on June 2nd and will cost \$70. Selected Drama students will also be invited to attend a small group Masterclass run by Bell Shakespeare actors at Wollumbin High School in August.

WOLLUMBIN WRITER'S CLUB UPDATE

The Wollumbin Writer's Club has kicked off 2016 with a bang. Twenty students regularly attend our meetings. This year's theme is 'Bring Us the Horizon' which will filter through our stories and writing. Currently we have the NSW Reconciliation Challenge, where students are encouraged to write a story or create an artwork around the 2016 theme *Always was, Always will be*. We will be gearing up to present some amazing short stories and works of fiction with some students even working on their first novel! Writer's Club is a fantastic way to improve creative writing skills for any students from any year group.

WHAT'S ON	
March 2016	Term 1
21st - 23rd March	Year 7 Camp. Students not attending camp are to be at school.
22nd March	P & C Meeting - Library 7pm
25th - 28th March	Easter break
29th March	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams commence
April 2016	
8th April	Last day of Term 1
25th April	ANZAC Day Students to meet at 10am at Post Office in correct school uniform
	Term 2
26th April	School Development Day - Staff only
27th April	Students Return
5th May	T5 GATS day hosted by WHS
6th May	WHS Cross Country
10 - 12th May	NAPLAN tests for years 7 & 9

SPORT

Selection trials at both Far North Coast (FNC) and North Coast level have resulted in a number of students being selected for their respective sports.

FNC Hockey – Georgia Fahy, Erica Mellor and Koby L'Estrelle have been selected for the North Coast trials at Grafton in April.

FNC Soccer – Lauren Kirkby (girls) and Isaac McKay, Luca Finardi and Jessie Leeming (boys). These students had to attend two selection trials to make this team. We had seven other athletes selected for the Northern FNC team. They are Maddie Trew, Amber Conaghan, Kalindi Papp, Chloe Gear and Grace Sheffield. Our Open Soccer girls were narrowly defeated 1-0 by KHS in the knockout.



FNC Volleyball – Sarah Pernatin, Erin Swift and Nila Poudal were selected in the FNC team following trials in late February. Unfortunately Erin was forced to withdraw due to other commitments. The knockout team (girls) were unfortunately defeated in Round 3 by Southern Cross.



AFL – Dane Petersen, Jack Lee Johnson and Sam Pollack were selected in the FNC side and from these trials, Jack and Dane have been selected in the North coast team to travel to state.



Rugby League – Michael Larrescy was selected in the Under 18 FNC team.

COMING UP

Under 15 Soccer will be competing in the Bill Turner Cup and Trophy.

SPORT CHOICES

Sport choices will soon be taken for term 2. Please select wisely and parents, please advise your student to select a school based sport if you do not wish them to select a paying sport.

NORTH COAST SWIMMING

On March 7th and 8th, 13 students travelled to Kempsey to compete in the regional swimming carnival. Some also had the experience of the long bus trip and billeting for the night. We are very appreciative of the families that hosted our students. Corey Hayes competed in the 16 years 200m freestyle and placed 5th with a 6 second PB. The 12 year girls relay (Summer Stone, Jade Howlett, Tippi Goehr and Bella Willis) placed an impressive 5th which is evidence of their rigorous training together. The 14 year boys relay (Ryan Stanley, Zak Lateo, Max Parker and Joshua Wright) placed 5th in a hotly contested age group. The 15 year girls (Jordan Howlett, Bree-Anne Wihlborg, Tess Sneddon and Shanae Hayes) powered through their relay to place 4th, narrowly missing selection for state. All students were a pleasure to have as representatives for our school.



EXCURSIONS

Students are provided with official excursion notifications and deadlines to return notes and pay excursion costs. A handwritten note from a parent does not provide the necessary information required for students to participate in the excursion. A handwritten note may mean your student will not be eligible to attend the excursion. Administration will seek additional information from parents as necessary and if they cannot speak to you in person then your child will not be attending the excursion. If excursion finalisation dates are not met it will mean your child is not eligible to attend or the excursion does not run. We cannot take notes and money on the day as it is insufficient time to ensure costs will be met. Please encourage your student to meet deadlines and to present you with the correct note.

UNIFORMS

Long grey pants for boys from years 7 - 12 are now available from school for \$45. Girls long pants are due in soon and will also be \$45. Fleecy jackets are in the process of production and hopefully will be available for the start of term 2. Our weather is not cold and thus students should be able to manage at present without jumpers. There are some second hand (dark green) jumpers available from Administration available for purchase if you require an interim solution. The fleecy jacket on order will be the new design and worn by all students 7 - 12. Senior jumper orders are in the process of being ordered. We thank our school community for their understanding as supply has been a little slower than anticipated. Additional girl's skirts have arrived if you have been waiting for one. Uniforms can be paid for using the Payment on-line system.



CAR PARK

Car park flow has improved and we thank everyone for their co-operation. In the recent spate of wet weather we noticed some chaos. Please do not drop students in non designated drop off areas. These arrangements are for all our students' safety. An umbrella works wonders!

MATHS ON LINE

A reminder that through the RAM Equity Funding (Gonski) we provide every student with access to this program (both at home and at school) to enhance mathematical knowledge. Students without internet access at home are provided with printed copies of the exercises. If your child says they do not have homework - they certainly do - they can complete Maths On Line exercises.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS & ELECTIVE FEES

Thank you to everyone who has been really prompt in paying them. We really appreciate your support. Invoices will be posted shortly. Payment on-line is proving popular and invoices can be paid this way along with excursions. There is a 10% reduction in the general contributions paid before the end of term 1. Administration staff have tried very hard to make sure invoices are correct but we acknowledge there may be discrepancies. Should you believe this is the case, please contact Administration so the problem can be rectified.

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NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

IT STARTS WITH US

BACKSTAGE

TWEED BATTLE OF THE BANDS

2016

1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRIZES - CASH, STUDIO TIME, GEAR + GIGS!

HEAT 1 - SUNDAY 10TH APRIL - 'THE LAKE' CABARITA 2-7PM

HEAT 2 - MONDAY 11TH APRIL - MURWILLUMBAH HIGH 6-10PM

FINAL - FRIDAY 22ND APRIL - KINGSCLIFF TAFE AUTO BUILDING 6-10PM

\$10 ENTRY AT THE DOOR

CHECK TWEED BATTLE OF THE BANDS FB PAGE FOR BAND ENTRY DETAILS AND MORE INFO

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

CONTACT KRISTIE ON 0419223830

TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

SAFER COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

TAFE NORTH COAST INSTITUTE

Event BIZ

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YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION



- Banana Point High School
- Kingscliff High School
- Marwillumbah High School
- Tweed River High School
- Wallumbin High School

What is T5?

- HSC Study Days
- Extension 2 Maths PD Day
- Science Enrichment Day
- Y8 Maths Olympiad Challenge Day
- Visual Arts GOMA Excursion
- Maths Lectures
- HSC Dance Appreciation Workshop
- Onstage Excursion to Sydney HSC Drama

T5 is Creative Collaboration



EVERY DAY COUNTS...
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

Ready
 Motivated
 Diligent
 Trustworthy
 Proud