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## WELCOME TO TERM 2

We welcome everyone to term 2, especially new students and their families.

## ANZAC DAY

We held our assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> April with our special guest, Mr Ron Bossink of the Murwillumbah Sub Branch of the Returned Services League of Australia, who presented the Ode and addressed the assembly. Our WHS students did us proud with the Acknowledgement of Country, chairing the assembly and addressing the assembly on the significance of ANZAC Day.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April, Wollumbin High School students participated in the ANZAC Day march

All our students are congratulated for their involvement in events on both days, for representing our school with pride and so much respect. In our congratulations we also include students from WHS who participated in other events or with other groups during ANZAC Day. Our students make the staff very proud to be associated with Wollumbin High School.



## WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL NOW HAS FACEBOOK



Wollumbin High is excited to announce its new Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/WollumbinHS/>

This page is targeted toward opening up further communication between the school, parents and the wider community. Please like, follow and share the page to help us build this new platform.

## PARENTS DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA? ARE YOU SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA? A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS NOT TO BE MISSED

**Save the date: 19<sup>th</sup> June 6 - 7pm Library.**

Safe on Social is giving a range of age-appropriate presentations at Wollumbin High on June 19<sup>th</sup>, funded by our P&C. Safe on Social director Kirra Pendergast works with schools, in Australia and internationally, and businesses with a focus on social media safety and welfare. Her presentations are powerful, punchy and incredibly thought-provoking. She will have you racing home to lock down your privacy settings, turn off your location settings, delete a few apps and reconsider what and how you post online.

During the day, Years 8-11 will discover how to maintain a positive digital footprint whilst navigating the online environment safely.

Parents are invited to attend the free evening session from 6-7 p.m. Year 12 are invited to the evening session too. **This session will cover content that is not appropriate for younger people and hence they cannot be admitted** – the session is strictly for parents and year 12 if they wish to attend.

Safe on Social presentations are inspiring, empowering and completely current. As a parent, you are encouraged to be proactive in understanding how to use social media in a positive way and protect yourself online. You will also have a clearer understanding of what your children are doing online and will be better equipped to have open and honest discussions about keeping them safe. Do not miss this memorable event – it will change your online habits forever. It is at no cost to parents, thanks to our wonderful P&C.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

You should by now have received your child's school photographs and they should also have been issued with a school ID card, which doubles as a library card. If there are any problems with your photo order or you wish to order more photographs, please call Academy Photography direct on (07) 3801 4407.

To order Student Representative Council (SRC) photos, please jump online at [academyphoto.com.au](http://academyphoto.com.au) and click on the "Products for Parents" link. The shoot code you need to input is B6D5B6ZD.

## CONGRATULATIONS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Year 7 Bronte Elliott, Marley Fountain, Vanessa Taylor, Mia Nightingale, Tallulah Trotter, Ella Brosnan, Oscar Huttleston, Cooper Kennedy, Lilly Dickinson, Shaysee Kelly, Emily Wright
- Year 8 Tony McCracken, Melody Lorimier-Moreau
- Year 9 Cheyanne Hackwood, Ariela Cahanovich, Yumaya Litherland
- Year 10 Hannah McConnell
- Year 11 Ela Hallac



## CONGRATULATIONS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Year 7 Kaitlyn Walton, Karsha Watkins



## PARENT TEACHER

During week 1, students in year 7, 11 and 12 were issued with parent teacher booking sheets for parent teacher evening to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May for these year groups. 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 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## CONGRATULATIONS PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Year 7 Karsha Watkins, Violet Martinez, Jet Tunsted, Kaia Sarson, Vanessa Taylor, Bronte Elliott
- Year 8 Julia Wilder-Donvito
- Year 9 Jordan Maloney



## A\*STAR

A\*STAR is an initiative of the University of Sydney and is made for and by high school and university students. A\*STAR offers the following resources to support your students at home:

- A\*STAR Career Finder app: An app directed at Year 7-9 students to show them how their interests correlate to careers. A useful tool when helping your student make decisions around elective subjects for year 9 and 10.
- A\*STAR Subject Finder app: An app directed at Year 10 students to help them decide what subjects they should choose for the HSC to ensure that they have the prerequisite knowledge required to succeed at university.
- Studiosity: Online homework and study support which is anonymous and free for students attending a NSW High School. Should a student need essay feedback, homework help or editorial advice they can connect online in seconds to an expert who can assist.
- Study Hacks: A range of resources for students assisting them with study techniques, ensuring they stay healthy over the exam period.

For more information visit <https://astar.tv> and use the search.

## GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS & ELECTIVE FEES

Thank you to everyone who has been really prompt in paying them. We really appreciate your support. Term 2 payments are due if you were unable to pay the entire year's worth in Term 1. Payment on Line is proving popular and invoices can be paid this way along with excursions.

A reminder invoice will be sent out during Term 2.

## LEGO ROBOTICS

Last year Wollumbin High School's P & C were successful in obtaining a grant to support STEM within the school from ITV, the creators of "I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here". We used this money to buy 4 Lego EV 3 starter kits, 4 extension kits and 3 space extension kits.

A Robotics club operates every Monday break 2. A group of students, along with Mr Thompson and Mrs Thomas, are learning how to code the robots and create robots that will achieve a variety of tasks. Our aim is to gain knowledge in robot design and coding and hopefully enter competitions with them.

The club also has a small set of robots based on raspberry pie technology that we are going to learn to build and code. We are very much learning as we go and having some fun along the way.

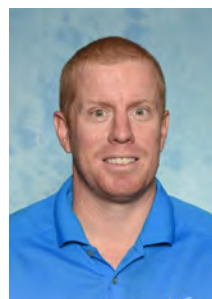
We would like to extend our thanks to both our P & C and ITV for their support in providing the resources that allow us to extend our students along the STEM pathway. If there are any parents or community members with expertise or interest in robotics or coding, you are very welcome to join us to share your knowledge. We would love to hear from you.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Mr Mitch Lambert has been appointed as a permanent member of the Wollumbin High School PDHPE staff. Mr Lambert is the Sport Coordinator.

Mr Tom Collect received his Teaching Accreditation.



## P&C UNIFORM SHOP PRICES

Current Price list as per 1st May 2018.

Item	Cost
Junior Unisex Polos	\$35.00
Junior Unisex Black Shorts	\$25.00
Junior Girls Grey Skirt	\$55.00
Senior Unisex Charcoal Shorts	\$40.00
Senior Girls Blouse	\$30.00
Senior Girl's Tartan Skirt	\$55.00
Senior Boy's White Shirt	\$30.00
Girl's Long Grey Pants	\$45.00
Boy's Long Grey Pants	\$45.00
Zippered Fleece Jacket	\$58.00

## WHAT'S ON

### Term 2

15th - 17th May	NAPLAN online test for years 7 & 9
18th May	Cross Country
22nd May	Yr 7, 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Afternoon 3.30 - 6pm
22nd May	P&C 7pm Library all welcome
31st May	Year 10 & 11 Vaccinations
4th June	Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Expo (4 - 5.45 in the Gym) and Information evening (6pm in the Library)
5th June	Athletics Carnival

## SPORT

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Will be held at Murwillumbah High School on Tuesday June 5th. All students are expected to attend. Information will be provided to students in upcoming weeks.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Will be held on Friday May 18th. All students are expected to walk, jog or run the course. This year will be the first time the Zone Carnival will be held at the North Byron Parklands, site of Splendour in the Grass and Falls Festivals.

### PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

All students have been signed up for the sporting challenge. This records their sporting activities over a period of 10 weeks, both in and outside school. Students have been issued logbooks for recording their activities. At the conclusion of the challenge students will receive a diamond, gold, silver or bronze award.

### GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

Last term our two girls League Tag teams participated in a tournament at Murwillumbah Colts. Both teams played particularly well in all games considering they have only recently been introduced to the sport. The Under 14's girls were winners of their division defeating teams from Murwillumbah High and Mt St Patrick's College. The Opens girls team played three games against Mt St Patrick's College, showing improvement throughout the day. Ciarn Larrescy was awarded the Under 14's player of day.



## OPEN TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS

Congratulations to Dane Peterson, Ciarn Larrescy and Laetani Brehaut on their selection in the Far North Coast Touch Football side to play in the North Coast Carnival at Port Macquarie.



## VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations for Years 10 & 11 and catchups for Year 7 are scheduled for 31st May 2018.

## HEADLICE

Headlice season is here. Please be aware and treat as necessary.

## TEACHING SOMEONE TO DRIVE CAN BE A HAPPY EXPERIENCE



You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **free** two hour workshop.

Time: 5.30 to 7.30pm, Thursday 17th May 2018  
Venue: Banora Point Community Centre  
Book now on: (02) 6764 6623 or email [roadsafety@joblinkplus.com.au](mailto:roadsafety@joblinkplus.com.au)

## Homework Help

**When:** Every THURSDAY after school until 4pm.

**Where:** COMPUTER ROOM 2.

**Who:** Mrs Hirst and other staff on a rotational basis.

**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.

## SENIOR CITIZENS TECHNOLOGY SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Year 8 Commerce students assisted Senior Citizens with technology skill development as a part of the Tweed Senior Citizens Festival on Thursday 5th April 2018.

The event was hosted in the Wollumbin High School Library with one-on-one, 20 minute sessions for interested participants.

Students provided introductory support for all kinds of technology skills, including:

- Receiving and sending Emails
- Mobile phone operation
- Downloading and saving electronic photos
- Basic computer programs such as using and saving Microsoft applications like Word



## ON THE JOB TRAINING

At Wollumbin High School we support students in experiencing 'on the job' training through the NSW Department of Education's program of School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are more than just part-time jobs - they're a great way to set yourself up for the career you want whilst you are completing your HSC.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are available to all Year 10 (from Term 2 at WHS), Year 11 and Year 12 students in NSW. They allow students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school. A School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship combines paid work, training and school; and as well as an industry recognised national qualification you will gain credit towards the HSC. Some apprenticeships and traineeships can contribute towards the ATAR.

Pictured is Michael Larrescy on the work site as part of his School Based Apprenticeship with Clive Mellor (Carpenter).

For more information about School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships please go to <http://www.sbatinnsw.info> or see our Careers Adviser, Ms Ndegwa.



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## CYBER SAFETY

Senior Constable Nathan Verinder, one of our Police Youth Liaison Officers, delivered a presentation to Year 7 on Cyber Safety on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The strong theme throughout the lengthy presentation was for all students to take responsibility for their cyber safety very seriously. Senior Constable Verinder gave the following advice to all young people:

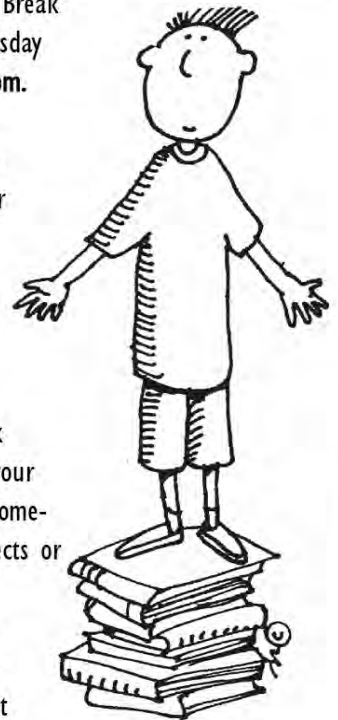
- Do not trust any person on social media unless you have met them personally.
- The best advice regarding video and photos is don't upload them.
- All photographs and videos uploaded to a social media site never go away.
- Once a photo or video is uploaded to a social media site, you "lose" control of that image.
- Don't use the "share location" function on any app. Disable this function on your phone.
- If taking a "selfie", be respectful of yourself, now and into the future.
- Ensure you use your privacy settings effectively to stop others finding out information about you.
- Never share passwords.
- It is an offence to threaten others via social media.
- Schools have a legal right to confiscate a phone to ensure the wellbeing of any student.
- Report all suspicious activity on any social media to the police.



## Is your child having trouble getting on top of their homework?

Homework Help is available Break 2 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Learning Support Room.

Students can work on their own and use our computers to word-process or edit their work, search the Internet or access our resources for information. They can receive help in any subject if they need it. Students can also print work before school. If you think your child needs any help with homework, assessment tasks, projects or catching up on class work, remind them to bring their lunch to the Support Room Break 2... and we'll get right on top of it!



Family and friends

## Bullying

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### What is bullying?

Bullying is a repeated verbal, physical, or social behaviour directed towards another person by one or more individuals over time. Typically this involves one person or a group of people exerting their power over others who are less powerful. For example, the bully may be stronger, have others to "back them up" or they may be socially manipulative.

Bullying takes many forms and can occur face-to-face or online such as verbal and/or physical abuse, deliberate cyber-stalking or sending hate email. It can also be less obvious, such as deliberately excluding others or spreading rumours. Cyber bullying is a form of bullying that uses technology such as text messages, email, and social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram or YouTube to carry out the behaviour.

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### Ways you can help

Family and friends can play a critical role in supporting young people involved in or experiencing bullying. Positive relationships can help protect young people from the negative consequences associated with being bullied.

Young people who are well supported by their parents report fewer depressive symptoms than those who receive little parental support, regardless of whether they are the ones bullying or are the target.

### Ways you can support a young person

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| <p>► Let them know they are not alone. It may help them to know that a lot of other young people experience similar difficulties.</p>                                 | <p>► Make sure they are safe. Sometimes this may require taking action they are not happy with. Have a conversation with them if this might be the case.</p> | <p>► Try to develop a trusting relationship and ask questions. Make sure the young person does not have to handle this situation by themselves.</p>   | <p>► Establish and maintain good communication. Ask open-ended questions and listen without judgment and without panicking.</p>                                  | <p>► Be involved. Show that you are interested in the young person's life, relationships and hobbies.</p>   |
| <p>► Be prepared to seek help. Help them decide how to approach the situation. Discuss who they could talk to at school, or in the workplace about the situation.</p> | <p>► Provide reassurance. Emphasise that the bullying is not their fault and that they are not responsible for what is happening to them.</p>                | <p>► Support them to problem-solve. Work together to come up with as many sensible and helpful strategies as possible to try and control the bullying. This can increase their self-esteem and discourage strategies that are unlikely to be helpful (e.g. starting a fight).</p> | <p>► Support them to make new friends and maintain existing friendships. Encourage them to spend time with others away from where the bullying is happening.</p> | <p>► Build their confidence. Identify their strengths as well as things they enjoy and find ways to develop these, especially social activities. This can help them to feel good about other things in their lives.</p> |

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