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## THANKYOU

Well done to our students who have been making learning a priority, acting safely and being respectful. You do your parents/carers, yourself and the school proud.

## ANZAC DAY 25<sup>th</sup> 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. WHS always has a strong contingent for this very important event. Please keep our tradition of respect going by participating in the march.

## YEAR 7 SRC NOMINATIONS

Year 7 students who are interested in applying for SRC will be able to access nomination forms during week 1 of term 2 from their Year Adviser. Nominations are returned to Mrs Thornton no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> May. Year 7 will vote for their representatives on the 15<sup>th</sup> May.

## YEAR 7 CAMP

Thank you to the staff and Year 11 students who gave up their time to run Year 7 Camp. Congratulations to Year 7 for your level of involvement in the activities organised by Tallebudgera Camp and WHS staff. Year 7 camp is an opportunity for students to build friendships, resilience and problem solving skills as they engage in the activities.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 P&C EXECUTIVE

President: Don Napper

Vice President: Kerry McConnell

Treasurer: Kate Partridge

Correspondence Secretary: Linda Branigan

Minutes Secretary: Helen Smith

Canteen Committee Convener: Don Napper

Thank you to the P&C members who also nominated as committee members and other roles. Special thanks to P&C executive who have continued in executive roles from 2018 (and prior years for some), your ongoing commitment to the students and staff at Wollumbin High School is very much appreciated.

Students benefit from the involvement of parents, extended family members and community members through the P&C. Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. All welcome.





## CONGRATULATIONS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Year 7 Vincent Cranney, James Edwards, Maddison Chapman, Charli Carmody, Max Hillman, Matilda Golds, Avril Fedele, Bodhi Gracie Henry
- Year 8 Marley Fountain, Bronte Elliott
- Year 9 Julia Wilder Donvito
- Year 10 Jordan Maloney, Amber Dhillon, Georgia Nalule
- Year 11 Ryan Stanley



## CONGRATULATIONS PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Year 7 Katie-Lee Jones, Hayley Taylor, Zian Tim-So Begic, James Edwards, Stephanie Conroy, Levi Corrigan, Maddison Chapman, Dylan Hawthorn
- Year 10 Jordan Maloney



## CONGRATULATIONS

Jack Dawson (Year 12) and Ryan Stanley (Year 11) have been selected as finalists in the BASE Youth Leadership Men's Awards. This required a submission and interviews. The Awards Breakfast will be held on April 5th in Kingscliff and we will have to wait until then for the final outcome.



## TWO SCHOOLS EXHIBITION

Tea and Ela Hallac at the opening of the Two Schools exhibition at Stokers Siding Art Gallery. Tea's work is a celebration of her family's tradition of sitting and drinking coffee together. Tea slip cast coffee cups and made spills of traditional Turkish designs to celebrate her heritage.



**TWO SCHOOLS**

Selected HSC Works  
Murwillumbah & Wollumbin High Schools  
Opening Saturday 23rd March 5-7pm  
Stokers Siding Art Gallery  
224 Stokers Rd Stokers Siding

Open until the 20th of April  
Opening hours 11am-4pm Thursday to Sunday  
or by appointment 0407 417169



## P & C PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2018 P&C committee's term has come to a close. I found it a pleasure to be able to serve as president in association with the dedicated team of parents at our school. It was gratifying to see the support to staff and students over this past year. I would like to thank everyone in the P&C for their hard work and giving of their time to support Wollumbin High School.

During the year we continued to focus on ensuring our canteen menu not only reflected the NSW Healthy Schools Canteen requirements, but was also attractive to the students and staff. We also continued to fine tune our stocking and distribution of the school uniform. The P&C had a uniform purchase day at the start of the year, using facilities within the Administration building for fitting and this went very well in a time efficient way. We wish to thank the Administration staff for their support throughout the day.

Our canteen continues to make profits and this allows us to be in a position to provide funding back to the school for additional resources. I wish to thank Lis and Janet for their untiring work in ensuing a smooth running canteen.

We were able to do our usual student support initiatives which included:

- Funding air fares for the School Captains, allowing them to attend the School Leadership Seminar in Sydney,
- Acknowledging student academic success through ongoing canteen vouchers,
- Doubling our Awards Night donations,
- Acknowledging students selected for state and national representation with a monetary contribution toward travel costs, and
- Providing free hats for our Year 7 students.

We were also delighted to give assistance in funding to:

- Cover the cost of accommodation for the Under 15 Girls Football team who reached national level,
- Social media security safety talks for parents, staff and students,
- Assist in resources for 3 new courses in STEM, science and VET entertainment industry.

I acknowledge the efforts and support of the executive, an extremely hard working team, who are united in working to form strong partnerships with the principal and staff to enhance the educational experience of all our students at the school.

I encourage all parents to seriously consider being involved in the school in whatever capacity they possibly can. The P&C meetings are the legitimate forum for parents to express their views. The meeting are conducted in a friendly manner and are extremely informative on what is happening in our school.

Don Napper  
P&C President 2018

## SCOLIOSIS

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls. It is recommended that girls in Years 5 and 7 participate in the National Self-Detection Program by parents/carers accessing the Self-Detection Fact Sheet which can be downloaded from [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org). We have provided all Year 7 girls with a copy of the Fact Sheet and encourage parents/carers to take a few minutes to follow the information on the Fact Sheet. Twenty-five girls per thousand are at risk of developing significant curve and three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery). Screening in the age range of 10 to 12 years is a sound preventative measure.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials. In 2019 most students across Australia, including Wollumbin High School, will sit NAPLAN online. The key dates for the test are:

- 14-15 May: Writing test administered to students
- 14-24 May: Reading test – Conventions of Language test – Numeracy test.

WHAT'S ON	
Term 1	
4th April	Photo's catch-up day
10th April	CAPA Cabaret 6pm
12th April	Last Day Term 1
Holiday Period	
25th April	ANZAC Day March - Meet at Post Office 10am in correct school uniform
Term 2	
29th April	SDD - staff only
30th April	Students return
30th April	P & C 7pm Library
9th May	Vaccinations Year 10
14 - 24th May	NAPLAN ONLINE tests for years 7 & 9
17th May	WHS Cross Country (no NAPLAN tests)
21st May	Year 7, 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews



## SPORT

### NORTH COAST SOCCER

Sam Goehr and Lauren Kirkby were recently selected in the Far North Coast Opens Soccer teams. Both students trialled for the North Coast team at Murwillumbah on Monday 25th March. Lauren was selected in the North Coast team to play at the State Titles later in Term 2. Congratulations to Lauren and Sam.



## UPCOMING TRIALS AND CARNIVALS

FNC Opens Touch Football April 9th

WHS Cross Country 17th May

North Coast Golf trials May 20th

## EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EXCURSION

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> of March, the Year 11 Earth & Environmental Science class went to Springbrook Plateau and the Natural Arch. Students studied geology, ecology and climate at three different locations and examined how these factors inter-relate.



## CAPA CABARET

Students are preparing for the first event in our MADDD season of events, the CAPA Cabaret. The CAPA Cabaret is a showcase of work from students in Year 8 Drama, Stage 5 Drama, Year 11 Drama, Year 11 Music and Year 12 Music. Artworks and projects from Visual Art students will be on display.

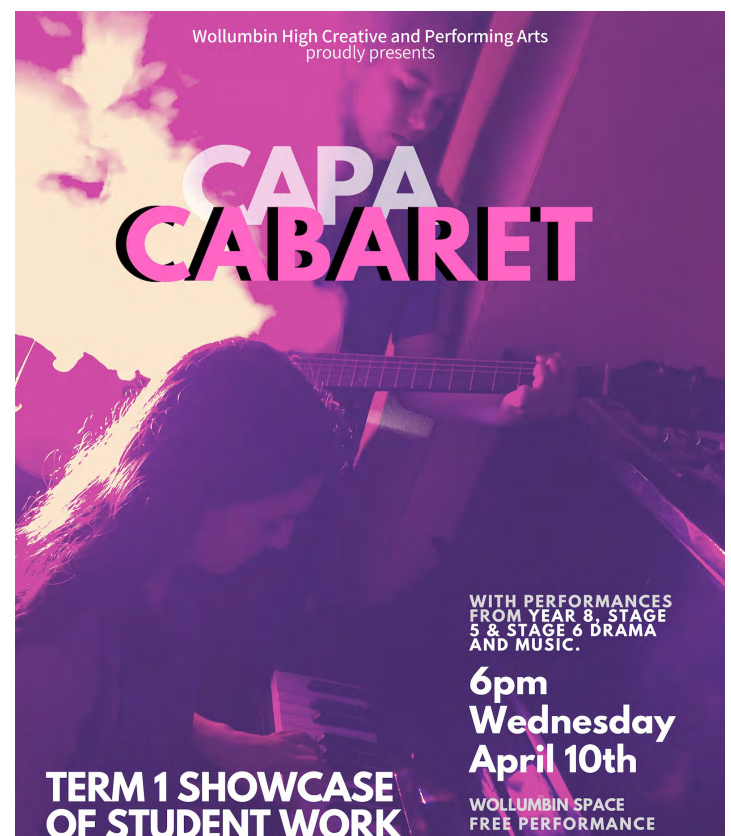
The CAPA Cabaret begins at 6pm on Wednesday, April 10th at the Wollumbin Space (formerly known as the performance workshop) and will run for about an hour and a half.

Drama will be performing a variety of different pieces from a multitude of different performance contexts: Year 8 Drama students have been working on their Elements of Drama vignettes for the evening and Stage 5 Drama will perform their Greek Theatre performances. Year 11 Drama have devised short 'postmodern' pieces. All of the performances form part of first term assessment tasks.

The night will include performances from Year 12 and Year 11 music students' assessment tasks and Wollumbin's first VET entertainment class will be running the show.

Wonderful artwork will also be on display in the foyer of the Wollumbin Space, and will be included throughout the CAPA Cabaret.

The evening is free, however we are trying a new booking system to reserve seats, and seats can be reserved at <https://www.trybooking.com/BBPPF>



## NEWS FROM THE LEARNING SUPPORT ROOM

### Volunteer Tutors

A big thank you to the community members and parents who have volunteered their time this term to work with students on numeracy and individual literacy programs.

We would love even more tutors so please contact the school if you would like to be involved. Work is with individual students or small groups with the support teacher or class teacher setting all the work.

So successful is the program that many tutors return to assist each year. Tutors assist on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Homework Help

Homework help is available for all students during break 2 in the Learning Support Room on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Students may bring their lunch and access the computers, internet, or other reference material.

We have four computers and two laptops connected to the school network and Internet. Students can word process, search the net, consult reference books or receive help in any subject.

If your child needs help completing homework, assessment tasks or projects or just time to catch up on class work tell them to bring their lunch to Learning Support Break 2 Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

## HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDER: AEROSOL CANS ARE NOT TO BE AT SCHOOL

Aerosol cans are banned in schools due to health and safety issues. Students have been reminded not to bring them to school. If they do so, the cans will be disposed of. Persistent non-compliance will result in the discipline process being implemented. Students are reminded that one of our WHS Expectations is that they will act safely – aerosol cans fall into this category.

### 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.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

Congratulations to the Canteen staff (Lis and Janet) and the P&C as our canteen has been awarded healthy canteen status. This is not an easy task, requiring a great deal of evidence and we are proud of this achievement. The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is a key initiative to support the Premier's Priority to tackle childhood obesity. All schools are working toward this certification and for us to have been certified at this early stage demonstrates our commitment to the health and wellbeing of our students.



## BULLYING - NO WAY!

On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of March, Wollumbin High School participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

For more information, for both parents and students, access the Bullying – No Way! website at <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>.



## TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraiser for Aboriginal Education programs in the Tweed

Date : Saturday 4th May 2019

Time : From 6.00pm

Where: Cudgen Leagues Club, Wommin Bay Road, Kingscliff

Tables of 10 @ \$30 per person includes food, prizes, entertainment and a fun night out!

(Individual tickets also available)

For more information, book a table or buy tickets please contact Tracy Mackenzie by Friday 12th April on

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## YEAR 7 CAMP

