

## CHANGES TO UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

The following events have been changed due to Covid restrictions;

The Year 6 into 7 Parent Information Evening which was due to be held 30th November 2020 has now been postponed to Tuesday 2nd February 2021. Further details will be provided towards the end of 2020. There is no change to the student Transition day being held Tuesday 1st December 2020. Parents are reminded that they are unable to enter school grounds beyond the Administration Office.

School uniforms are available to purchase on the two School Development Days, 27th & 28th January 2021 between 7.00am to 2.30pm. Alternatively, uniforms can be purchased up until 16th December from the school canteen between 7.00am & 10.00am and 11.30am & 12.45pm.

The Annual Awards Evening will now be held during school hours as parents and presenters are unable to attend. A photograph of each student receiving an award will be sent home via email.

## YEAR 12 FORMAL

With Covid restrictions easing around Year 12 formals, many staff and students put in a enormous effort to create a memorable evening for our Year 12 students.

We would like to acknowledge the contributions of the following, Aaron and staff from The Balcony Restaurant, Pete from Green With Envy for suppling the potted plants, staff members and Trudy Plackett from McGregor Gourlay for supplying decorative foliage. A huge thanks also to Sylvia and Chris Gallagher, Danielle Gallagher and Nicole Thornton for the amazing staging of décor and decorations. Helen Smith, Kerry Stevenson, Gail Biggs and the Year 11 Hospitality students for the catering, Tom Collett, Lachlan Glasby and Ari Messina, the lighting sound and technical set up specialists, Year 11 Entertainment students, and Jenny Magnum and Trish Quantrill for the fantastic photos and memories.



## CHANGE OF DATE FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL 2021

Friday 29th January 2021	Year 7, 11 and 12 commence
Monday 1st February 2021	Year 8, 9 and 10 commence



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## CONGRATULATIONS, AWARD OF HONOUR

Year 7 Eva Rose Kolk, Cooper Foreman,  
Danni McDonald

Year 8 Levi Corrigan



## CONGRATULATIONS, AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Year 7 Noah Secomb, Rupa Morton, Eva Rose Kolk, Lincoln Bulluss, Aurelia Bennett, Cooper Foreman, Vanessa Young



## CONGRATULATIONS, PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7 Lily Edmed, Noah Secomb, Rupa Morton, Charlie  
Everuss, Ruby Wright

Year 8 Harrison Alderson, Zian Tim So-Begic

Year 9 Kaitelyn Walton, Vanessa Taylor



## CONGRATULATIONS, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7 Rupa Morton, Leah Ditton, Zen Schoer-Higgins,  
Lily Dobrich, Thalia Lorimier-Moreau, Ballin  
O'Heart, Lily Edmed, Noah Secomb, Cheyenne  
Manson

Year 9 Oscar Huttleston, Belinda Young, Molly Griffiths

Year 8 Shania Campbell,  
Harrison Alderson,  
Josh Nixon



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## SCIENCE

Congratulations to those who have just finished their HSC exams. This is a huge achievement and commitment, well done.

Stage 4 Agriculture are studying poultry and have been incubating eggs. The long-awaited chickens started hatching on Monday so we have some lovely additions to the school. The students will care for the chickens and grow them for sale at the end of the year. If anyone is interested in buying some chicks or one year old pullets, contact the school with an expression of interest and we will let you know when they are ready to go home.



A huge congratulations to Bronte Elliott of year 9. The school was approached to offer her admission into the Curious Minds program. This is a nationwide STEM mentoring program for girls from year 9 or 10 and participation is by invitation only. Bronte was approached because of her excellent results in The Big Science Competition. Bronte will attend a virtual camp later in the year, she will then be linked with a mentor for 6 months and then attend a second camp mid-2021. This is a fantastic opportunity and we are really proud of her.



Year 10 students are finishing the year in Science by completing a range of Project Based Learning tasks. These tasks support and consolidate the learning that they have been doing on Astronomy and allow students to choose areas of interest as well as the skills that they wish to develop.

Lastly, despite it being the end of the year, students still need to wear leather shoes in the Science lab. This is mandated by the Department of Education for safety reasons. I have noticed a number of students without leather shoes of late. If your student does not have leather shoes, please make it a priority to purchase a pair. If there is an issue with this, please contact the school to discuss solutions to the problem.

## COVID-19

Following is the link which will provide you with the latest information regarding COVID-19.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.html>

## Professor John Fischetti University of Newcastle

Learners retain

90% when they teach someone immediately	(SAY and DO)
75% when they practice what they learn	(DO)
50% when they engage in group discussions	(SAY)
30% when they see a demonstration	(SEE and HEAR)
20% when they learn from an audio-visual	(SEE and HEAR)
10% when they have learned from reading	(READ)
5% when they have had a lecture	(LISTEN)

## 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.

## WHAT'S ON

### Term 4

24th November	P&C (Final) (TBC) 7pm
1st December	Yr 6 Orientation Day



## SPORT

With current COVID restrictions easing we have had a very busy few weeks on the sporting fields. It has been great to see so many WHS students representing the school in such a positive manner.

### BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Ms Brown, Mr Cox and our four teams set off for Kingscliff Main Beach on November 6th. All of our teams had great results with our 16 boys and 16 girls losing their semi finals. Both these sides have shown they will be very hard to beat in the Indoor Volleyball gala day on Thursday November 26th. Girls will be playing at WHS, with the boys at Murwillumbah HS.

### LEAGUE TAG

Mrs Doyle and our two league tag sides were part of the largest league tag gala day in the local area for many years. Hundreds of young, enthusiastic girls represented their respective schools at Murwillumbah Leagues Club on November 11th. Mrs Doyle (current Northern Rivers league tag premiership winning captain) had the girls firing on the day with our senior girls team making the final. Unfortunately the result didn't go our way, however the girls from both sides should be very proud of their efforts. Some very talented young players in both teams.

### FUTSAL

On Friday the 13th November we sent four teams to Ballina Coast High School for the Futsal gala day. A very successful day for our teams with the U/16 boys team winning their final 3-1 vs Ballina Coast. The boys played a very exciting brand of futsal all day that had the crowd very engaged. Our U/14 boys team lost their semi final 3-2 after holding a 2-0 lead late in the game. Fortunately most of their team can still play in that division next year. The U/16 girls team lost a very competitive semi final against Mullumbimby. Highlight for the girls was a great goal from Summer Stone. Our U/14 girls team had a great day with some very close games.



### CRICKET

The under 14s Girls team played in a 20 over competition on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at South Tweed. For many of our Year 7 players it was their first cricket match and on a hot day they played with enthusiasm and showed potential. In the first match Ballina Coast HS scored 124 runs versus Wollumbin HS 74 runs. Hayley Taylor (top wicket taker) impressed with a fast opening bowling spell, Sophie Haley was very accurate and Bree Hodges and Tiarna Watkins both bowled well. Matilda McConnell caught well as wicketkeeper. Our star batter was Shania Campbell with 21 not out and 3 well hit boundaries. Kingscliff forfeited the 2<sup>nd</sup> match, which our girls were keen to play. A fun day was had by all.



Upcoming gala days include volleyball and hockey. Best of luck to these teams.

### SRC 2021 NOMINATIONS

Nominations are currently being called for students interested in being 2020 Student Representative Council members. Year Advisers and Ms Smith have the nomination forms. Year groups vote to elect their representatives from students approved to run for SRC by the executive.



## HSC DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY - MAJOR DESIGN PROJECT 2020

Some examples of the student work undertaken this year with the HSC Design & Technology Major Design Projects with Mr Larrescy.



Stained Glass Box Set, Shakti Harrison



Enclosed Motorbike Trailer, Lochie Pansaru



Festival Bags, Fyair Edwards



## YEAR 8 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

The Year 8 project for Design and Tech is to design a toy timber truck and this year has produced some of the best projects we have ever seen.

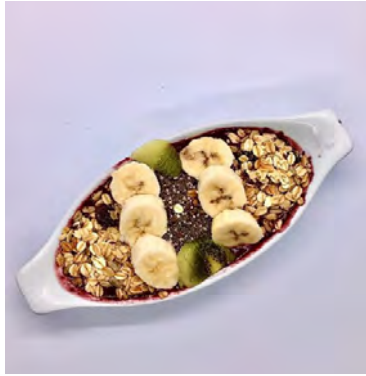
Students have to first plan out their trucks by researching existing designs and evaluating these designs. They then use this research as inspiration to develop their own ideas using 2 dimensional orthogonal drawings (many views of the same object). Once these drawings have been made they can then create a material list of what they will require. They then produce the project in the workshops using mixed materials and then evaluate their final products. This project is great for introducing the students to the basic concepts of millimeter accuracy, square (90 degrees), hand skills in using tools and machines, idea generation and project management.



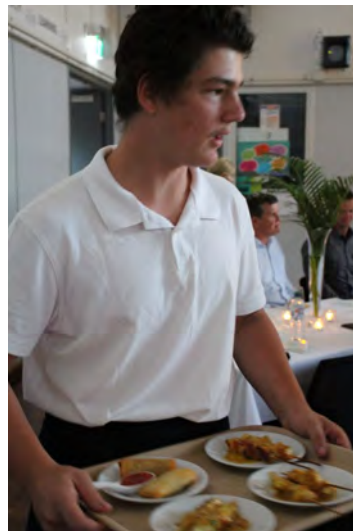


## STAGE 5 FOOD TECH

In Stage 5 Food Technology, students have been focusing on food plating and presentation. They have used a variety of garnishes including edible flowers, herbs and sauces to enhance the visual appeal of their food products. Students put a lot of effort into plating and presenting their Acai Bowls and deconstructed custard horns, Recipes below.



## YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY STUDENTS AT THE YEAR 12 FORMAL



## SUSHI, COCKROACHES AND EXPLODING KITTENS IN THE LIBRARY

School libraries have undergone a revolution from silent spaces that store books to social hubs for growth and interaction.

During break times, Wollumbin's library is a thriving air-conditioned social hub where students come to interact and play games. The games cupboard is stocked with all the old favourites like Monopoly, Scrabble, Uno, Chess and Scrutiny along with newer styled board games that are driving the board game revival.

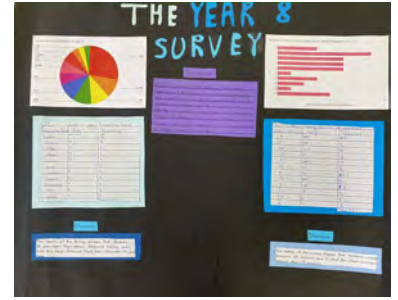
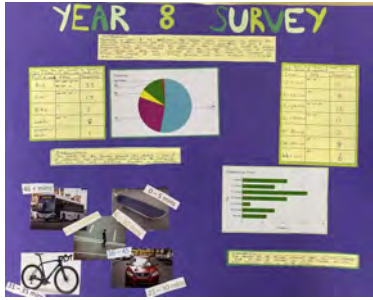
With advice from the crew at Cracklepoint Games in Murwillumbah, we invested in games such as Cockroach Poker, Ticket to Ride, Pandemic Hot Zone, Exploding Kittens, Dixit and Sushi Go Party. Students also bring their own games and gaming devices. These can all be played within one or two breaks and require a range of strategic approaches. They build collaborative and creative thinking skills and encourage healthy competition. They require concentration, social skills, perseverance and risk-taking in a safe environment.

We have also retained the sound-proofed study rooms for students who prefer quiet conversation or want to read and study.

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## MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Students exploring concepts to extend their understanding.



Year 8 survey for Statistics unit—poster creation.



Solving algebraic equations—problem solving activity in teams.



### FREE YOUTH HOLIDAY CLUB

**MURWILLUMBAH YOUTH CENTRE**  
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10.00AM – 3.00PM MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

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**JANUARY DATES**

11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>  
18<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup>

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