

## TWEED SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL

The Tweed is in good hands with the newly inducted Tweed Shire Youth Council.

Thirteen young people from seven different schools have been welcomed to their new roles on the Youth Council. The Youth Council provides young people with an opportunity to express their views on local community matters. The 2021 Wollumbin High School members are Madison Bambach and Julia Wilder-Donvito.



## MINISTER MEETING

Two of our school leaders Madison Bambach and Finn Gaedt, recently had the opportunity to meet and talk with Senator the Hon Marise Payne, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Women, and Tweed Shire Council Mayor Chris Cherry at Kingscliff. Marise Payne was very impressed by our leaders and encouraged them to reach their full potential.



From left to right: Mayor Chris Cherry, Madison Bambach, Finn Gaedt Senator the Hon Marise Payne and Principal Guy Wright.

## CONGRATULATIONS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Year 7 Noah Muddle, Abbey Darragh, Kai Jones, Jayah Heatherill, Emerllie Payten - Hayes, Drew Taylor, Shae-Lee Clarke, Joel Crouch, Isaac Rose, Matilda Mitchell



## CONGRATULATIONS PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Year 7 Isaac Rose

Year 8 Eva Rose Kolk



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTRE

The Academic Achievement Centre (AAC) is going from strength to strength. It has now been operating for 4 weeks and our attendance figures are outstanding and are growing steadily. Last week we had 56 students from years 7-12 attend and 9 volunteer teachers. Students are clearly indicating that they are getting through their homework and assignments. Senior students are extremely happy to have Mr Boyle to do mini math's lessons.

The AAC is a pleasant place for students to work in small groups often with their friends and have something to eat. Last week we had pizzas and chocolate milk.

I encourage all parents to send their child along to the AAC. They will like the learning teams and the positive atmosphere.



**Professor John Fischetti**  
University of Newcastle

Learners retain

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| 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)       |

## 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>

## MURWILLUMBAH EDUCATION CAMPUS

Link to the latest information regarding the Murwillumbah Education Campus

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/m/murwillumbah-education-campus-project.html>

## WHAT'S ON

### Term 1 - March 2021

|            |                                     |
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| 30th March | P&C AGM - Library 7pm               |
| 1st April  | No AAC due to last day for students |

### Term 2 - April 2021

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| 19th April | Staff Development Day     |
| 20th April | Students return           |
| 27th April | P&C Meeting - Library 7pm |



# talkabout

## 2020 Pi DAY PRESENTATION

Due to Covid restrictions our presentation of our 2020 Pi Day Awards were delayed and became part of our promotion of a very successful 2021 Maths celebration.

### Congratulations

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dom Baartz (Yr 10 2020) the WHS Champion for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, reciting 100 digits of Pi.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Matilda McConnell (Yr 7 2020), reciting 70 digits of Pi.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Aurelia Bennett (Yr 7 2020), reciting 36 digits of Pi.

The students gathered in the quad and impressively recited the digits over a microphone with an audience of around 150 school buddies. All efforts were met with a loud cheer.

During Break 2 students participated in a fun donut eating challenge. Jaiden Grey (Yr 12 2020) won the contest to be crowned the fastest mouth in the school.

First 100 digits of pi (the digits Dom was able to remember) are:-

14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510  
58209749445923078164062862089986280348253421170679

Have a go, there is no pattern. Good Luck remembering 20 digits.

The school record remains at 400 digits, achieved by Dom's older brother Jacob Baartz.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter for the 2021 Pi Day Awards.

Thanks to my wonderful Maths teaching buddies for helping out on the day.



## LIVIN'

The good people from LIVIN' came to speak with Year 11 on Friday March 12 to discuss all things mental health and wellbeing. LIVIN is all about living your life at the top and breaking the stigma around mental health. Connecting, supporting and encouraging one another to talk about their feelings and challenges because "It Ain't Weak to Speak". This was a part of our Life Ready and Senior Success program. A big thank you to our students who were so respectful and involved in the talk.

For more information and to support LIVIN', check out their social media sites and <https://livin.org/>



# #ITAIN'TWEAKTOSPEAK

## SPORT

### UPCOMING TRIALS/EVENTS

NC Rugby League March 31st - Cooper Wolf

15s Boys Soccer vs Mt St Pats - Tuesday March 30th

15s Girls Soccer vs St Josephs - Thursday April 22nd

Open Touch Football Trials - Friday April 23rd

FNC Table Tennis Gala Day - Thursday April 29th



### KIVAH FRANZE POWER LIFTING

Kivah recently competed in the State qualifiers for Power Lifting. He had lifts of 230kg deadlift, 195kg squat and 120kg bench press. Not only did these lifts qualify him for State Championships he has also qualified for the National Championships to be held later in the year. Congratulations Kivah.



### NORTH COAST SWIMMING

Wollumbin HS had three students compete at the recent North Coast Championships. Finnian Bryant has qualified for the State Championships in April for the 50m Freestyle. Congratulations Finnian.



### FNC SOCCER TRIALS

WHS had seven students trial for the Far North Coast Soccer team on Tuesday March 23rd. All seven were selected to represent the zone on Tuesday March 30th in Goonellabah. Congratulations to the students pictured Tippi Goehr, Dominic Baartz, Cooper Newman, Summer Stone, Red Chippis, Matt Plater and Ciarn Larrescy.



### THE MURWILLUMBAH EDUCATION CAMPUS

A Community Information Hub will operate at Knox Park from Monday 29th March to Thursday 1st April 2021. Click on the following link to read the flyer.

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/m/murwillumbah-education-campus-project.html>

Ongoing discussion between the schools have been very positive. We are looking forward to building an outstanding school for our students, staff and community.

### TALL TALES...

Wollumbin writers were treated to a visit from local author Benjamin Gilmour on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Ben is a traveller, author and filmmaker who explained how his passion for listening and storytelling has led to a successful career. He shared images of his travels in India, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan, focusing our attention on the questions each photo might raise.

He then ran a narrative non-fiction writing session in which students interviewed each other and then wrote a short piece. Some students then shared their writing with the group. The session was coordinated by StoryBoard, an initiative of Byron Writer's Festival which travels to regional schools, fostering the next generation of readers and writers.





## KOREAN CORNER

brought to you by the Year 8 Korean class

### PLACES IN SOUTH KOREA

by Aurelia Bennet, Bam Coley and Thalia Lorimier-Moreau)



The world has its fair share of strange theme parks; however, have you been to a cheese theme park? What about a toilet museum? These theme parks and so many other locations can be found in South Korea.

Located in Seongsu-myeon, South Korea on 32 acres dedicated to cheese, Imsil 'Cheese park' is the ideal location for all cheese lovers. With cheese making courses, a viewing platform that looks like cheese, playgrounds for children and buildings that give you a Sound of Music vibe, this Cheese theme park is an excellent place to visit for all ages. Some other notable things to see there are a building named 'the cheese castle', figurines that have nothing to do with cheese scattered around the park (including a knock off Princess Daisy), a cheese slide, cheese shop and numerous objects with iconic cheese holes placed in them.



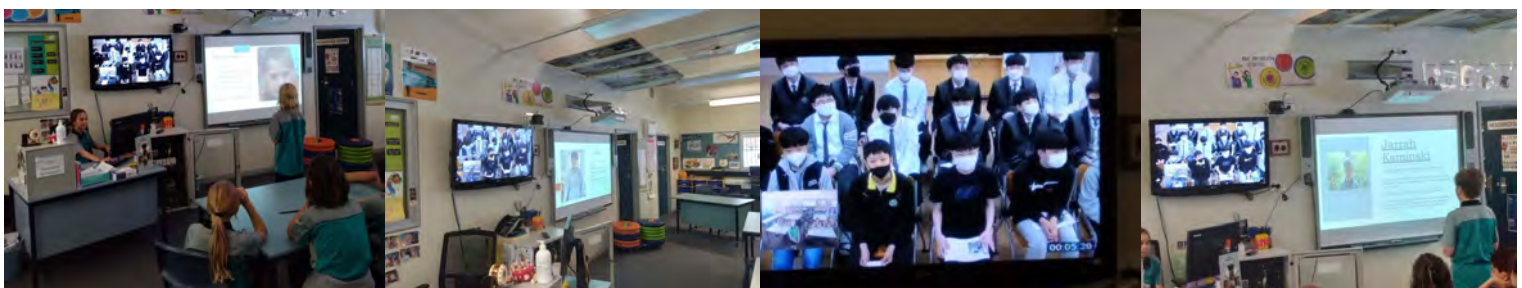
Now let's get a bit stranger, located in South Korea is the Haewoojae Museum, also known as the Mister Toilet Museum. The man we have to thank for this wonderful creation is Suwon Sim Jae-duck but most people called him Mr Toilet for his interesting birth (being born in his grandparents' toilet). He spent 30 years working to improve Korea's plumbing and forming the World Toilet Association (google it, it actually is a thing). Suwon was so dedicated to toilets that he had his house built in the shape of a toilet and when he passed away he had it transformed into a park. The park has many fun toilet related facts and activities with many toilet related sculptures.



Lastly, there is also a Maze Land which are mazes that are constructed out of hedges & walls with varying difficulties.

## KOREAN CONNECTED CLASSROOM

During a selection of lessons in Korean language studies, our Year 7 students have the opportunity to connect classrooms with one of our sister schools in South Korea 'Munseong Middle School'. These video conferences provide our students with an authentic learning experience and enable interaction on a cultural level with the sharing of unique features of both cultures. Last week we had our first video conference where we introduced ourselves and asked many valuable questions. For the remainder of the year, we will engage in presentations on many topics such as school life, food, celebrations, local environments and landmarks and history. It is an invaluable experience for both our students and the Korean students!





## YEAR 7 CAMP



### SMALL COLOURFUL PLASTIC TOYS

One of our year 12 Visual Art students is collecting small colourful plastic toys for her Body of Work. If you have any that you don't need or want anymore, she would gladly recycle-upcycle and reuse your donations.





## Murwillumbah Education Campus

### Project update

March 2021

#### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

#### Project overview

We are planning the development of an education campus at the Murwillumbah High School site. The campus will include a primary school, a high school and school community health facilities co-located within an integrated, purpose designed and built education campus.

#### Progress summary

We have now finalised the master plan for the campus. The master plan is the first of four design phases and provides a high level vision for the site. The final design of buildings will be determined in future design phases, in consultation with stakeholders.

We are also preparing to submit a request for the NSW Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project. This is the first step in the statutory planning approval process.

#### Online survey results

Feedback received through the stakeholder and community survey, which ran from 15 December 2020 to 15 February 2021, is being used to inform the design process.

Thank you to those who took part. The survey attracted more than 229 responses. See overleaf for a summary of what you told us.

#### Visit us at the Community Information Hub

We invite you to find out more about the master plan and talk to representatives of the project team at the Murwillumbah Education Campus Community Information Hub.

**The opening date for the Community Information Hub has been delayed due to wet weather. The hub will now open in Knox Park on Monday 29 March and close on Thursday 1 April 2021.**



Registration is required to enable physical distancing. To view opening hours and book a time to visit the hub, scan the QR code or go to [edu.nsw.link/ygd7rn](https://edu.nsw.link/ygd7rn)

#### Stay informed

The Murwillumbah Education Campus project page on the School Infrastructure NSW website will continue to have up-to-date information about the project. You can also continue to contact us by email or phone using the details below.

#### For more information contact:

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10 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Academic Achievement Centre**

Wollumbin High School has decided to embark on an outstanding learning initiative for our students, named the **Academic Achievement Centre (AAC)**. This service is voluntarily staffed by teachers across a range of subject areas. Students have the opportunity to work in small groups or independently, and can seek assistance from teachers with homework, assignments, exam preparation and general study techniques. These sessions will foster a collaborative approach to study and learning, and will result in many improved exam performances and self-confidence for participating students.

I have introduced this initiative at other schools and the aim of the AAC is to build a solid study foundation for students as they transition throughout their school years. We encourage students of all ability levels to attend. The AAC will be staffed by volunteer teachers.

Due to timetable constraints, the AAC must occur outside normal school hours. The session occurs on Thursday afternoons from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. Transport will need to be arranged by parents to and from the school for their child to participate in the program.

If you wish your child to participate in the after school study program, please complete and return the permission note attached below to the school administration office.

The AAC will commence on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Yours sincerely,

**Guy Wright**  
Principal

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of Year \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the after school study program at Wollumbin High School on Thursday afternoons.

I understand that I will need to arrange transport for my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Carer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Please return to the Administration Office***